

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 5596–5605; and 6 resolutions, H. Res. 792–797, were introduced. **Page H238**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H239–40**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cuellar to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H211**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:23 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H214**

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from California, Mr. Hunter, the whole number of the House is 430. **Page H214**

Protecting Older Workers Against Discrimination Act and Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to “Borrower Defense Institutional Accountability”—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 790, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1230) to amend the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 and other laws to clarify appropriate standards for Federal employment discrimination and retaliation claims, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 76) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to “Borrower Defense Institutional Accountability”, by a yea-and-nay vote of 216 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 17, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 16. **Pages H216–33**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 793, electing a certain Member to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives. **Page H223**

Board of the Federal Judicial Center Foundation—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following individuals on the part of the House to the Board of the Federal Judicial Center Foundation for a term of 5 years: Ms. Elizabeth J. Cabraser of Sebastopol, California, and Mr. Peter A. Kraus of Dallas, Texas. **Page H223**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H216.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H222 and H223. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Education and Labor: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2694, the “Pregnant Workers Fairness Act”; and H.R. 5191, the “Runaway and Homeless Youth and Trafficking Prevention Act of 2019”. H.R. 2694 and H.R. 5191 were ordered reported, as amended.

A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY: STATE EFFORTS TO CURB THE OPIOID CRISIS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “A Public Health Emergency: State Efforts to Curb the Opioid Crisis”. Testimony was heard from Nicole Alexander-Scott, M.D., Director, Rhode Island Department of Health; Monica Bharel, M.D., Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Public Health; Kody Kinsley, Deputy Secretary, Behavioral Health and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services; Christina Mullins, Commissioner, Bureau for Behavioral Health, West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources; and Jennifer Smith, Secretary, Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs, Pennsylvania.

PROMOTING AMERICAN INNOVATION AND JOBS: LEGISLATION TO PHASE DOWN HYDROFLUOROCARBONS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change held a hearing entitled “Promoting American Innovation and Jobs: Legislation to Phase Down Hydrofluorocarbons”. Testimony was heard from Cynthia Newberg, Director, Stratospheric Protection Division, Office of Atmospheric Programs, Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency; and public witnesses.

ON THE BRINK OF HOMELESSNESS: HOW THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING CRISIS AND THE GENTRIFICATION OF AMERICA IS LEAVING FAMILIES VULNERABLE

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “On the Brink of Homelessness: How the Affordable Housing Crisis and the Gentrification of America Is Leaving Families Vulnerable”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT ACT: REVIEWING WHO WINS AND WHO LOSES WITH COMPTROLLER OTTING’S PROPOSAL

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Financial Institutions held a hearing entitled “The Community Reinvestment Act: Reviewing Who Wins and Who Loses with Comptroller Otting’s Proposal”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FROM SANCTIONS TO THE SOLEIMANI STRIKE TO ESCALATION: EVALUATING THE ADMINISTRATION’S IRAN POLICY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “From Sanctions to the Soleimani Strike to Escalation: Evaluating the Administration’s Iran Policy”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ASSESSING THE ADEQUACY OF DHS EFFORTS TO PREVENT CHILD DEATHS IN CUSTODY

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations held a hearing entitled “Assessing the Adequacy of DHS Efforts to Prevent Child Deaths in Custody”. Testimony was heard from Brian Hastings, Chief, Law Enforcement Operations, U.S. Border Patrol, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; and Alex Eastman, M.D., Senior Medical Officer—Operations, Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Office, Department of Homeland Security.

SEVENTEEN YEARS LATER: WHY IS MORALE AT DHS STILL LOW?

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Oversight, Management, and Accountability held a hearing entitled “Seventeen Years Later: Why is Morale at DHS Still Low?”. Testimony was heard from Angela Bailey, Chief Human Capital Officer, Department of Homeland Security; Chris Currie, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Team, Government Accountability Office; and a public witness.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife held a hearing on H.R. 1834, the “Defending Our National Marine Sanctuaries from Damaging Chemicals Act of 2019”; H.R. 2236, the “Forage Fish Conservation Act”; H.R. 4679, the “Climate-Ready Fisheries Act of 2019”; H.R. 4723, the “Fish Act of 2019”; H.R. 5126, the “Direct Enhancement of Snapper Conservation and the Economy through Novel Devices Act of 2019”; and H.R. 5548, the “Fishery Failures: Urgently Needed Disaster Declarations Act”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Rooney of Florida, Dingell, and Huffman; Rear Admiral Timothy Gallaudet, U.S. Navy (Ret.), Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, Deputy NOAA Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and public witnesses.

THE PATH TO A CARBON-FREE MARITIME INDUSTRY: INVESTMENTS AND INNOVATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “The Path to a Carbon-Free Maritime Industry: Investments and Innovation”. Testimony was heard from Joshua Berger, Governor’s Maritime Sector Lead, Washington Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

MAKING HUD–VASH WORK FOR ALL VETERAN COMMUNITIES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing entitled “Making HUD–VASH Work for all Veteran Communities”. Testimony was heard from Keith Harris, National Director of Clinical Operations, Veterans Affairs Homeless Program Office, Department of Veterans Affairs; Hunter Kurtz, Assistant Secretary of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

ARTICLE ONE: RESTORING CAPACITY AND EQUIPPING CONGRESS TO BETTER SERVE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Article One: Restoring Capacity and Equipping Congress to Better Serve the American People”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2020

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to markup H.R. 5430, to implement the Agreement between the United States of America, the United Mexican States, and Canada attached as an Annex to the Protocol Replacing the North American Free Trade Agreement, 10:15 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider H.R. 5430, to implement the Agreement between the United States of America, the United Mexican States, and Canada attached as an Annex to the Protocol Replacing the North American Free Trade Agreement; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine industries of the future, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine an update on implementation of the Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider H.R. 5430, to implement the Agreement between the United States of America, the United Mexican States, and Canada attached as an Annex to the Protocol Replacing the North American Free Trade Agreement, the nominations of Todd C. Chapman, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Federative Republic of Brazil, John Hennessey-Niland, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Palau, Dorothy Shea, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Lebanese Republic, and Donald Wright, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the United Republic of Tanzania, all of the Department of State, and other pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on United States-Iran policy and authorities for the use of force, 10 a.m., SVC-217.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider H.R. 5430, to implement the Agreement between the United States of America, the United Mexican States, and Canada attached as an Annex to the Protocol Replacing the North American Free Trade Agreement, 10 a.m., SD-430.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “DOD’s Role in Competing with China”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Why Federal Investments Matter: Stability from Congress to State Capitals”, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Cannabis Policies for the New Decade”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “Lifting Voices: Legislation to Promote Media Marketplace Diversity”, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on National Security, International Development, and Monetary Policy, hearing entitled “A Persistent and Evolving Threat: An Examination of the Financing of Domestic Terrorism and Extremism”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Investor Protection, Entrepreneurship, and Capital Markets, hearing entitled “Overseeing the Standard Setters: An Examination of the Financial Accounting Standards Board and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “U.S. Lessons Learned in Afghanistan”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, and Trade, hearing entitled “Strengthening Security and the Rule of Law in Mexico”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Full Committee, hearing entitled “U.S.-Iran Tensions: Implications for Homeland Security”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Intelligence and Counterterrorism, hearing entitled “Confronting the Rise in Anti-Semitic Domestic Terrorism”, 2 p.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 306, the “Kettle Creek Battlefield Study Act”; H.R. 496, the “Sinkhole Mapping Act of 2019”; H.R. 895, the “Tribal School Federal Insurance Parity Act”; H.R. 1702, the “Free Veterans from Fees Act”; H.R. 2640, the “Buffalo Tract Protection Act”; H.R. 3068, the “Offshore Wind Jobs and Opportunity Act”; H.R. 3160, the “Blackwater Trading Post Land Transfer Act”; H.R. 3465, the “Fallen Journalists Memorial Act of 2019”; H.R. 4248, the “Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act Amendments of 2019”; and H.R. 5552, the “Migratory Bird Protection Act of 2020”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Facial Recognition Technology (Part III): Ensuring Commercial Transparency and Accuracy”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, hearing entitled “An Update on the Climate Crisis: From Science to Solutions”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “The Department of Energy’s Office of Science: Exploring the Next Frontiers in Energy Research and Scientific Discovery”, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Enhancing Patent Diversity for America’s Innovators”, 11:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing entitled “Oversight of Working Conditions for Airline Ground Workers”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.